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Dear Editor

I have now lived in the village for nearly 20 years and seen nothing but decline. I have to agree wholeheartedly with R Bishop - the status of the barber's shop is now untenable. We as a village have been more than patient, but our patience has now run out.

GET IT KNOCKED DOWN NOW!

No more excuses or delays. I have not recently spoken to anybody who supports the Parish Council's desire to keep it until the paper work is complete. Do what you are elected for and support the villager's need for this eyesore to go. I no longer think that the position of the shop is conducive to any building and in fact think any business there would be a greater health and safety issue than the one already existing. In recent years I have seen several accidents caused by cars and lorries pulling into and out of the lay by in front of this monstrosity, and if it were a working building it would be even worse. The building should go immediately and the lay by with it.

However, I do not agree that it is the main cause of low house prices in Bar Hill. I think that is down to 3 more factors of far greater importance:

1) **The A14** Bar Hill is locked in, with only the A14 as access. I have spoken to countless people who think that Bar Hill would be a wonderful place if only it wasn't for the A14. We must petition the County Council and Government to have an alternative access road into the village. Dry Drayton's pathetic excuses no longer stand up. They are condemning the people of Bar Hill to an untenable health and safety risk. Also a link road must be included to Lolworth who, again, are land locked by the A14.

2) **Tesco** So many people regard Bar Hill pure and simply as Tesco land and Tesco's attitude to the village is unacceptable. It is the source of much of its labour force. I need only to remind villagers of the insulting support given to our 40th anniversary fête last year.

3) **Our own publicity** It's dire—we don't publicise how great the village is and many of our own villagers, who only use it as a cheap dormitory, add to this perception by actively running the village down. Sadly also the Bar Hill News ...Whilst those that produce it must be congratulated for their effort... is it an effort worth continuing? It does not promote a vibrant inviting village. Look at other publications produced by far smaller villages round us. What was acceptable 30 years ago is no longer acceptable today. It should be professionally produced on decent paper, with decent pictures of village life. With several ex-Cambridge Evening News editorial staff, even ex-national paper journalists and book writers living here, I know there is talent in this village that could produce such a monthly publication - but cli'quism and backbiting within the group producing the publication drives them away. Also need I mention the Bar Hill website? A gallant effort - but that is all it is. The publication and website should be turned over to a much younger group of people. Maybe even the final year of the local junior school. Both need enthusiasm and vision which sadly

they both currently lack.

It is in the interests of all residents that Bar Hill house prices are similar to those around us. The current ongoing malaise in prices is not due to the quality of the housing stock, nor the lack of facilities available within the village - many of the surrounding villages have far less. No - it is all down to the perception people have of Bar Hill. We can turn this around but it takes a will to do it. Good publicity and good promotion could, within a year or so, make Bar Hill a place that people fight to come to. All residents would benefit, not only from a substantial increase in the value of their houses but also in being proud to say "I live in Bar Hill".

Dave Harding

8 Almond Grove

In response to Margaret Sellars' brief letter last month I would just please ask for clarification on two matters.

Firstly, what exactly is causing the delay in gaining legal access to the land? The premises were burnt out 6 years ago and I know that the Hotel is desperate to remove this building. Can you please explain? Who is holding this process up and why? I really don't think that the vast majority of residents have any idea why this is being delayed.

Secondly, if you are pursuing a net rental income of £20k on a new building, it would imply that the council has funds to build the premises and therefore funds to remove the existing building if access could be gained, and also funds to replace the two demolished bus shelters.

I do also wonder who would want to rent such a building, which is going to be a one stop destination, with precious little parking for staff and visitors/customers, with a difficult ingress/egress and adjacent to noisy vehicles braking and decelerating for the roundabout.

R Bishop

14 The Fairway

ATTACKS ON THE ELDERLY

There are small groups of violent criminals around who prey on old people, especially those who live alone. One old lady of 98, living in Appletrees, had her house broken into in mid-morning while she was lying in bed. The thieves 'persuaded' her to reveal where she had money stacked away.

Apparently, they move into an area, see where there is an old person living and younger neighbours living nearby are at work, then pounce before moving on. These are not casual break-ins but planned in advance.

A technique to foil them, which has been tried elsewhere, is to make an old person's house indistinguishable from its neighbours'. If the old person's house has, for example, a no cold-callers notice on its door, then those of the neighbours should do likewise. Neighbours at home during the day should also leave the house by the same door as the old person.

Everything possible should be done by neighbours of old people to foil or confuse these *****.

Roger Hall

Dear Dave

Margaret Sellars, the editor of the Bar Hill News, has passed on to me a copy of your letter as she considers that it contains several points to which I, as chairman of the Residents' Association should respond. Your allegation that you have seen nothing but decline in the village over the last twenty years is, in my opinion, totally without foundation. In that time, a new village hall has been built, which is one of the finest in Cambridgeshire, a new church centre has been constructed as the capacity of the original was inadequate, there is an all-weather sports pitch which is used every day of the week as well as a well-stocked branch library. Also, although the number of children attending the school has fallen as a result of demographic factors, it still fulfils its role as a community school open to village activities in the evenings as it has for the last forty years. *This is not evidence of a village in decline.* With regard to the old barber's shop, how many more times has it to be re-iterated that the Parish Council has had no legal access to the site in order to demolish it?

I have lived in Bar Hill for twice as long as you have and have seen it grow from about 200 houses around a school to the vibrant community which exists today. This has been achieved as a result of the efforts of the people who live here. I believe I have played my part in this process. You must ask yourself in making your criticisms how often you have attended Parish Council meetings to find out more about the issues affecting the village, the Annual Parish Meetings or the Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings of the Residents' Association at which the *Bar Hill News* is always on the Agenda.

I sympathise with the view that Bar Hill would be a better place to live if it wasn't for the A14. But upgrading the road is a Highways Agency matter determined by Government funding. You are probably quite unaware that inconveniences encountered by the recent re-surfacing of the A14 and the flyover were ameliorated by action by County Councillor John Reynolds and myself. That there is only one access road in and out of the village is an old fallacy. There are, in fact, two, with other flyovers two miles to the north and one to the south. Although it is not strictly true that there has never been an occurrence of traffic being unable to leave or enter the village, these have been exceptionally rare and of short duration. As regards another road from Dry Drayton, it is not because the people there do not want their tranquillity disturbed but to deter heavy goods traffic using country roads as 'rat runs'. Lolworth may be described as 'landlocked' by the A14, but in the four years that I have represented the village I have spoken to no one there who wants a road to Bar Hill.

In many respects you are correct in stating that Tesco's attitude towards the village has been unacceptable. I, personally, resent the allegation and retort bitterly when people call Bar Hill 'the Tesco Village' and invite those who see no other aspect of it to have a closer look. It is, perhaps, not always understood that many decisions are not in the hands of the local manager (who changes about every 12-18 months). Recent contact with the manager has resulted in an explanation why the trolleys in Bar Hill do not need a 'coin in the slot' to release them (they lose too few of them!) and more attention to rubbish collection. Tesco's 'support' for last year's fete was, indeed, insulting but, this year, as a result of contact with their head office and the local management, I am confident that they may see the error of their ways.

You, and others who criticise the *Bar Hill News* in comparing it with the publications from other villages fail to understand its purpose:

- It is published monthly; most other village magazines are either bi-monthly or quarterly.
- The advertising, comprising about half its content, pays for the Village Fete and the Fireworks evening. It could be more professionally produced and printed, on better paper with illustrations. The Committee considers this each year and the broad analysis this year was that the cost of doing this would take up all the revenue from advertising. *There would be no money left for the Bar Hill Fete, the Fireworks Evening or to go to village organisations.* I would like to know who are the ex-Cambridge News editorial staff, ex-national newspaper journalists and book writers driven away by the clique-ism and back-biting within the committee (of which, as chairman, I am completely unaware). If you know of these people, please urge them to come forward and give their advice. Or let me know who they are so that I can approach them.
- Why, format excepted, does it not promote a vibrant and exciting village? All village organisations and representatives are free to contribute - this is not always the case with other village newsletters. Moreover, their contributions are edited only for grammar, spelling and libellous comment, not for content.
- Your proposal that its production should be taken over by the final year at the school is surely facetious and deserves no other comment.

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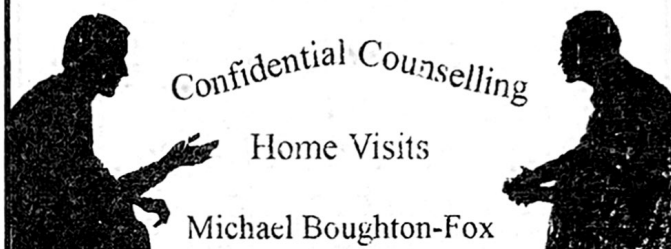
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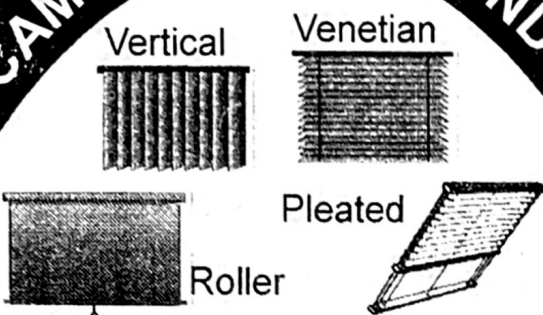
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I am not alone in being proud to say, 'I live in Bar Hill'. Perhaps you and other detractors might consider giving it the 'good publicity and good promotion' that it so richly deserves.

Roger Hall

Hon.Chairman

Bar Hill Residents' Association

11 Almond Grove

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Annual Parish Meeting
at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24th April in
the Octagon

Come and talk to the Councillors who make the decisions on your behalf

Dear Editor

Judging by the latest letter from Mr Bishop he has not taken on board my suggestion to get the facts before putting pen to paper. I haven't a problem with criticism as long as it is constructive. None of the letters from Mr Bishop seems to fit these criterion: it appears he just wants to knock the Parish Council.

I believe it is incumbent upon him to get the facts before writing letters of complaint to the Bar Hill News, whether it be redevelopment of the Barber's Shop site, bus shelters, Parish Council offices or any other matter. All the information is readily available at the Parish Council office, in person, phone or email, Parish Council reports, letters and announcements in the Bar Hill News and Parish Council website. He also has the right and is welcome to attend any monthly Parish Council meeting to ask questions on village matters which concern him.

As for the comical comment regarding the soggy schoolchildren, I was unaware that it rained in Bar Hill at the same time every schoolday. However, I think being suitably dressed for the weather is an issue for the parents of these schoolchildren rather than the Parish Council, don't you?

Mr Bishop feels it was ironic when on the one hand I accuse others of being "riders in the stand" and on the other hand, in my other letter, I criticised South Cambs District Council for the bin collection schedule for Christmas/New Year.

As I have not only raised the issue with the Parish Council (who felt there was not a problem), but I have also written to South Cambs (who have replied stating that the schedule was the result of their knowledge and experience, and was in the best interest of all), this hardly makes me a "rider in the stand" does it Mr Bishop?

John Doland

Parish Councillor

9 Robin Close

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

In January we enjoyed a New Year Buffet party. Many thanks to Mr Terry Barnes who organised the catering.

Members have decided not to have a Legion holiday this year. We are, however, hoping to have a day trip to Alrewas to The National Arboretum, again organised by Mr Barnes.

Several members attended a concert in the Guildhall by the Minden Band of the Royal Regiment.

Our meetings are in the Church Meetings Room on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm - all are welcome.

Mary Shubotham

Secretary

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BARHILL COLTS F.C

Where do I start!!

I am pleased to report that the Club is experiencing its most successful season for a number of years. Pride of place goes to Barry's **under 16** team who have already secured the league title. Also to Ruth's **Sapphires** who recently lifted the area Tesco Cup.

Due to the successes in this season I'm sure the teams will have a lot to celebrate when it comes to the presentation day.

This year we have decided to have the event in the Village with the provisional date being **Saturday 14 June** - more details to follow.

SAPPHIRES SECURE TESO CUP

On Saturday 8 March Bar Hill **under 15 girls** played Cambridge City at the Milton Road ground in the first round of the Tesco Cup. After a warm up and an inspiring team talk with the wind at their backs, Bar Hill dominated long periods of the first half before **Gemma Clare** scored an amazing goal from near the corner flag. The rest of the half carried on without any more goals although the ball stayed in City's half and Bar Hill were unlucky not to increase the score line. During half time the players were given oranges, bananas, jaffa cakes and water that were all kindly donated from Tesco. The second half saw Bar Hill defend brilliantly with **Barbara Williams** in commanding form restricting City to few chances at goal. The whole team played well and deserved the result. Bar Hill Spitfires will now go on and represent Cambridgeshire for the second round in the Tesco cup, which will be held at Birmingham University later on April Watch this space for more news about how we get on in the next round!



MINI LEAGUE REVIEW

Under 10 - Rob's team with their success over the years, are the team everyone wants to beat. Despite many close games, the team can still boast of a record of 10 wins and 4 draws from 15 games played to Mid March.

Under 9 Bombers
Steve's free

scoring team have already amassed 105 goals from their 15 games including 12 victories to mid March.

Under 8 Eagles - In their first season in the league Roy's team are progressing very well with 10 wins from 13 games played to mid March - their latest win being against rivals Girton

EAGLES FLYING HIGH

Bar Hill kept on their winning run with another solid performance against Girton, inflicting their worst defeat of the season. A brace of goals a piece from **Jo Leland** and **James Bacon**, with a special mention to a battling **Harry Cook** getting a well deserved goal. **Jacob Sloane** opened his account for the season and **Toby Purton** completed the scorers.

Next match at home on **29 March** against Hardwick our nearest rivals in the league, please come down and show the kids some support.

Bar Hill Eagles 7 Girton 2

NEW FACE

As a result of the number of children from Year 1 and Year 2, we have had to re-organise the set up. We are pleased to report that **Tim Parker** will be manager of the current team to progress at Under 8 level playing in the Mini League next season. **Andy Barrett** and **Matt Cundy** will continue to assist for the remainder of this season but from September will be in charge of the Under 7 team to play friendlies in the season 2008-9.

UNDER 16's RACE TO TITLE

Our **under 16's** are in celebratory mood after they clinched the league title with 3 games still to go. Without a loss in the league all year their record reads as below
Congratulations lads on a great season so far.

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CUP PROGRESS

Darryn's **under 11** team have reached another semi final - let's hope they can go one better when they face



Histon on 6 April

Justin's **under 13** team unfortunately missed out on a final place with a narrow 1 goal defeat against Over.

Nigel's **under 17** team took top side Fulbourn to extra time before losing their semi final match by 4 goals to 2. Not forgetting my **under 12 girls** winning their first cup match 1-0 at Balsham taking them through to the next round against Witchford.

DISCO TIME

To raise funds for the Club our Entertainments Committee of **Michelle** (on 201046), **Tina** (on 789778) and **Rob** (on 781583) have organised a disco on **19 April** at the Village Hall - tickets are available at only £5 - so do not miss out and make this a date for your diaries.

AND FINALLY

Congratulations to **Tommy Dalton** who has been selected from all the teams at his age group for the Under 11 Representative match on 16 March - good luck Tommy!

Vicky x

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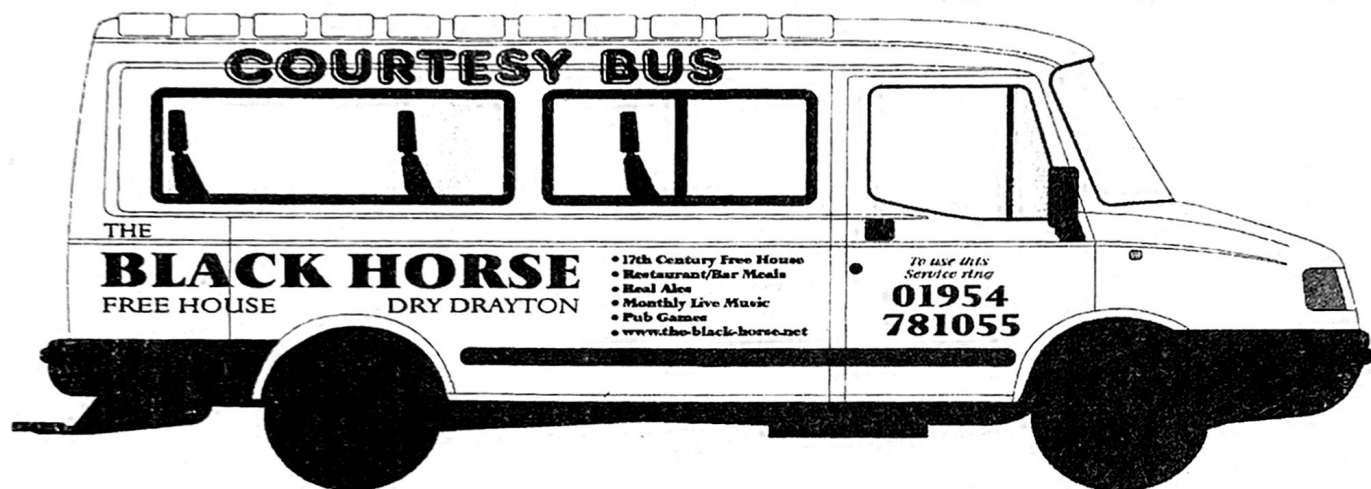
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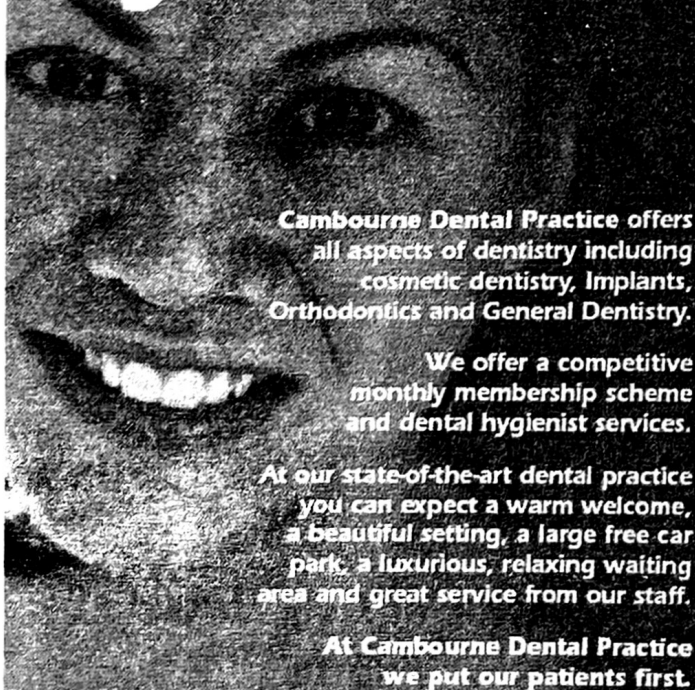
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The officers of the Management Committee are:

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Secretary Paul Thorby
Treasurer Jairo Marin



Parent and Toddler Group

Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 01954200232 or Julie on 01954780445.

Our AGM will take place on 10th April at 8 pm in the meetings room, please come along and show us your support.

Quiz night: This will take place on 26th April at 8 pm in the meetings room. Teams of up to 6, price £3 per person. Come for the fun!!!!

Bar Hill fête will take place on 5th July and we will be having a tombola stall. Any donations suitable for both adults and children would be very much appreciated.



As part of the work shortly commencing to upgrade the A14 a number of agencies will be doing preparatory work. One of these is an environmental consultancy who will be assessing the impact on wildlife, particularly badgers.

They will be establishing badger territory and sett locations by non invasive means. To do this they place food containing **small plastic beads** outside setts and then find the beads after they've been through the badger.

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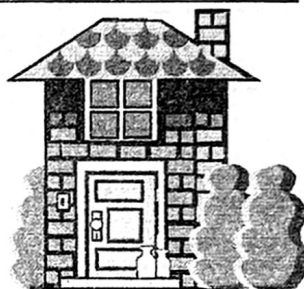
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ROGUE TRADERS

Rogue traders have been known to threaten older people until they pay over the odds for shoddy workmanship. Some residents have been left feeling frightened or too ashamed to tell anyone.

A phone call to Age Concern Cambridgeshire will put customers in touch with local traders who can carry out a range of work in and around their home. More than 50 traders across the

County have signed up to the scheme - from bricklayers and gardeners to dog walkers and window cleaners.

The scheme is part of an initiative supported by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rogue Trader and

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Everyone is familiar with the Rotary 'wheel' logo, appearing as it does in so many places from Christmas charity collection buckets to hotel foyers, but who are Rotarians and what do they actually do? People who live or work in the North of Cambridge are finding out more, thanks to an initiative to establish a new Rotary group - the fifth in the Cambridge locality.

Rotary is all about serving the community, with people from all walks of life getting together in a sociable group and meeting regularly to enjoy a meal and plan projects to raise money for charity, or to help others in a multitude of ways. Rotary groups normally hold meetings once a week, and members aim to get to two or three meetings a month, where we're likely to have a short talk from a guest speaker over breakfast, lunch or dinner. Members also take part in one of four committees: either developing membership; assisting a local or international good cause; planning interchange visits with overseas Rotaries; or arranging learning visits for foreign students, who are counselled throughout their Cambridge stay by Rotarians. They change annually between committees, to ensure ideas and projects are kept fresh. Every Rotary has a 'home base' and for the new North Cambridge one this is the Holiday Inn at Impington. There is no such thing as a typical member, in terms of age, employment, or interests. The essential thing is to be willing to commit some time and lots of enthusiasm! The Rotary motto is 'Service above Self', and members put this into action in numerous ways, while also having fun and enjoying good company.'

If you are interested in finding out more, call Gordon Hannah on 01223 890654 or email cambridgenorthrotary@hotmail.co.uk



REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BUNTY WATERS

BUS PASSES

We are eagerly awaiting the 1st April when the new bus pass will allow us to travel all over the country on buses for free. If you sent your form to South Cambs before 14 February you should receive your new bus pass by 1st April. If you sent the form in after 14 February there will probably be a delay in receiving the new bus pass. You can still be issued with a temporary pass, i.e. an extension to your existing bus pass - these are extended up to 30 June 2008 but you must contact Amanda Simpson on 01954 713088. You will then be advised how to receive the temporary pass.



COUNCIL TAX

The District Council is proposing to increase the Council Tax for District Council purposes by 4.9% to £107.27 per Band D property. The Council Tax and reserves will meet the net cost of services, such as planning, environmental health, refuse collection and community services. A separately financed account is kept for the management, repair and maintenance of Council housing. For a **Band D dwelling the annual Council tax** will be £1,357.32 which consists of, County Council £979.11, Police £156.87, Fire £54.45, District £107.27, Parish £59.62.

FLY TIPPING

Two people from Sawston have been ordered to pay over £700 in costs and fines, and now have criminal records after being convicted of fly tipping over 20 bags of household waste.

South Cambridgeshire District Council was alerted to the fly tipped bags in December last year when they received a call from a member of the public. They found 13 bags discarded in Pampisford. A day later another call alerted SCDC to more bags of rubbish and they found another eight bags between Hildersham and Balsham. After going through the bags an officer found letters that lead them to the tipsters' address. Mrs Williams and Mr Garrett had gone together to dump the bags of waste. They were each fined £250 for each offence, ordered to pay £200 in costs and a £15 charge which goes towards helping victims of crime. In total they have to pay £715 each.



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The impressive new book stand purchased by the Friends was officially presented to the Library on the afternoon of 4 March. On

that day there was a talk by Becky Proctor, Curator of the Cambridge and County Folk Museum on "Toys and Games we used to Play".

The Coffee Morning on 6 March was very well attended with many interesting topics being discussed informally.

The next **Coffee Morning** will be on 3 April 10 am – 12 and on 5 April there will be the **Book Sale** of donated books. Everyone is most welcome to join in and help. The Coffee Mornings are held on the first Thursday of the month and the Book Sales bi-monthly on the first Saturday.

In **June** we are looking forward to a talk about "The Women's Land Army" – more details closer to the date.

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8th May Smellies! – Memories from evocative smells Venue: Zoya's

Bar Hill group welcomes women of all ages, we would love to see you, do give it a try – it's only £1.00 per evening to cover costs.

If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Bobby Colver on 781662 or

Heather Wheeler on 781208. You can also find us on www.nwr.org.uk it's worth a look!

Bar Hill Childminders



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Over the weekend (1st/2nd March) several incidents of damage to vehicles around the village were reported. Also 2 thefts of number plates which I assume will be used for drive-offs from petrol stations or other crime. It is very important that you report any incident to our force control room on the usual number 0845 456 456 4. You will be given an incident number for your insurance company and also we will then be more aware of the targeted areas to focus on. If you have seen anything suspicious please call. Do not leave any valuables, sat navs, shopping, stereo fronts etc on show as this will also attract attention.

PCSO KAREN MAHONEY 7238

I am sorry to say that over the past few months I have noticed that the parking within the village has become considerably worse. I have had a number of complaints from residents about vehicles being parked completely on footpaths and junctions causing obstructions for pedestrians and road users. I have issued a number of warnings to various vehicles parked in this manner only to find that they are being ignored and continue to be parked illegally. As a result of this I am now going to be issuing fixed penalty notices to offending vehicles. I understand that there is not an awful lot of parking available in certain streets but please use your common sense and do not block pavements. As long as there is enough room for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass through on the pavement this is not too much of a problem. Please ensure that you do not park opposite each other on either side of the road so you are blocking the way for vehicles and emergency vehicles.



PCSO KAREN MAHONEY 7238

In the recent weeks there have been many reports of metal theft across the south of Cambridgeshire. For example, underground telephone cables belonging to BT, leaving hundreds of homes without telephone services. A vast amount of lead flashing from roofs has also been stolen. The majority of these thefts are being conducted in the hours of darkness. The following appeal was made by Cambridgeshire Constabulary in the force's crack-down on metal theft.

Someone somewhere knows who has committed the thefts and has received the stolen property. The people who committed the crimes do not deserve protection, they need bringing to justice. I would like to appeal to members of the public to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity, particularly around buildings, sub stations and manhole covers. If you have any information, call the police on 0845 456 456 4, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, 0800 55511. Please do not hesitate to ring 999 if you suspect a crime is in progress.

Regards,

PCSO Neill 7240

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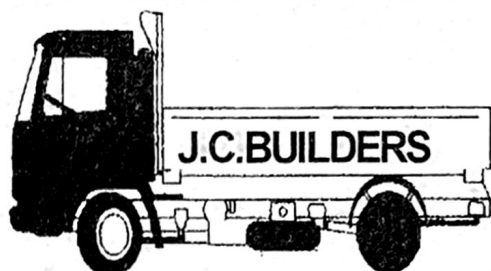


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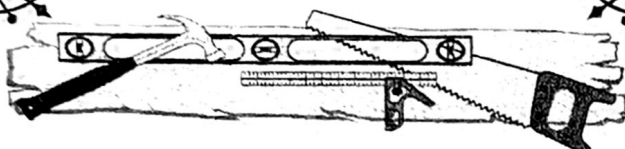
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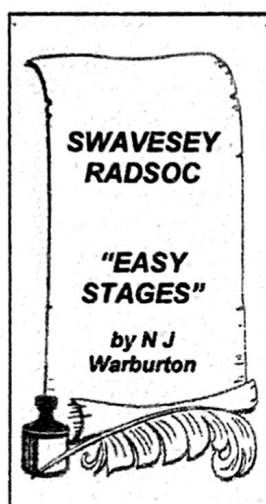
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5th Book Sale, Library

10th Parents and Toddlers - AGM

11th New Orleans Heat - Over Jazz

12th Near New Sale - School

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19th Colts - Disco

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk

This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Footpath To Lolworth

If you walk along the footpath to Lolworth please be aware that the farmer, through whose field the path passes, is asking that dogs be kept under control on the path, or on a lead. He informs the Parish Council that this is not just to prevent damage but also for practical safety reasons as slug pellets and chemical sprays are used on the crops. It seems that it would be in walkers' and dogs' interests to heed this advice.

In addition, the farmer says, walkers are regularly using the fields around Bar Hill and he would like to remind these walkers that this is private property and not public land. The farm is part of the Government's Environmental Stewardship Scheme whereby green corridors around the edge of fields and streams are left untouched to encourage wild birds, animals and flora. It is a specific requirement of the scheme that these areas are not traversed and hence walkers on these strips are breaking both trespass laws and these environment regulations.

Acorn Avenue Bus Shelter

I am sure residents will be pleased to know that one of the quotations sent to our insurance company has now been accepted and I have been informed that the bus shelter will be replaced within the next three weeks. It seems to me that some residents are very quick to condemn what the Parish Council is trying to do. However, I am sure that as with their own experience of insurance companies, they realise any job takes time!

Bikes Found

I currently have three bikes (one for a 5-7 year old and two for 11-13 year old) at the back of my office. If your child has lost their bike recently please call in and take a look. They are all in very good condition and it would be good to reunite them with their owners.

Litter Picking Day

Don't forget, 5th April at 10 am outside my office for picking sticks, gloves and sacks. You know it makes sense! I must also thank all those steadfast residents who continually pick litter on a regular basis, making this village nicer for all. Keep up the good work.

Police Surgery

Karen Mahoney, our PCSO, is holding police surgeries in the Parish Council Office every third Wednesday in the month between 10 am and 12 noon. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Police please come along and see her. No appointment necessary.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on

Thursday 17th April at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

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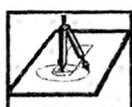
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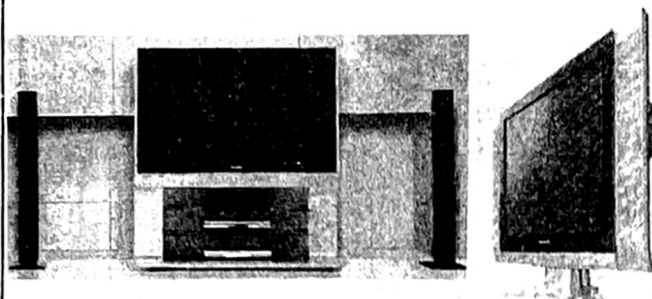
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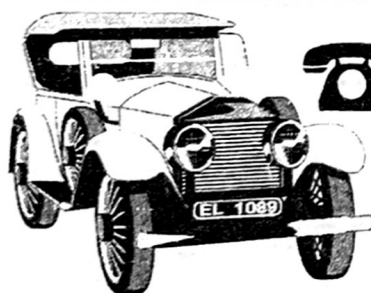
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Rest assured that your dog will have at least two long walks a day either at the heath nearby to our home, or in the fields surrounding our village. We also utilise on a daily basis on local village recreation ground and play ball games there.

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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times

After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday

School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday

Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring

Our large room is available for hire for parties and meetings etc. £6 per hour, £10 for kitchen (per booking) minimum hire charge of £20.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

Patsie Otter

Bar Hill Out Of School Club

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on the second **Monday** of the month at the Parish Offices at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on **14 April**.

AGM

Friday, 23 May at 8 pm

The Studio, Bar Hill Primary School

Come and join us!

Cambridge City Congestion Charge

Many thanks to all those residents who replied to the questionnaire in my last newsletter. I will be submitting all your responses direct to the County Council, so your views can be fully taken into account in any decision making.

Every one who has taken the trouble to write to me will get a personal response. I will be submitting a report on these local responses to the May edition of the Parish News. By the time you read this the County Council official consultation will have been completed, but **I will still be able to send in any late views I receive up to the 6th of April.**

The research company running the consultation will be sharing their findings publicly with the Council on May the 6th.

Note. **Full details**, all 152 pages and more of the outline business case are available via the website link below.

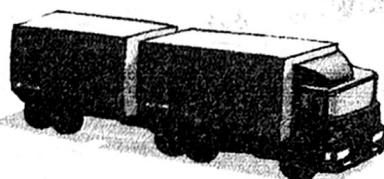
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/tacklingcongestion/ourproposals/bid



Illegal parking of Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCV's)

Residents will know of the growing problems being experienced not only in Bar Hill but many other villages alongside the A14. This issue is being increasingly raised by Parish Councils at local Neighbourhood Policing Panels.

The Police were asked last November to take action and have carried out a number of enforcement actions against HCV drivers for illegal parking and other offences in Bar Hill and surrounding villages.



The problem of HCV's has been exacerbated by the closure of the Alconbury Truck stop, which accommodated nearly 200 lorries every night. It is not always the fault of drivers but of the lack of suitable stopping facilities along a road that carries over 20,000 HCV's a year.

At the last Neighbourhood Policing Panel in February I was asked to lead a countywide campaign to find a solution to this problem. To date I have met or spoken to a number of regional and national organisations and we hope to hold a workshop in April to explore the problems and identify solutions.

County Councillor: John Reynolds, 4 Hollytrees, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB3 8SF.

Tel 01954200571 Email

john.reynolds@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Longstanton Bowls Club

Spring is here at last with the longer evenings and warmer weather, and as usual at this time of year Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? It doesn't matter if you haven't played lawn bowls before as we have plenty of members always willing to provide help and guidance. **Everyone is welcome and our membership ranges from juniors to those enjoying retirement.** Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this. We pride ourselves in being a friendly club where the enjoyment comes from taking part. The game of bowls provides an opportunity to make new friends, take gentle exercise and socialise over a "bowls tea" at the end of the match. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Social Club and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. The club plays in a number of leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other clubs' greens and facilities in the Cambridge area. This year in addition to our usual leagues, we have also entered a team in the men's County Triples league, so we would like to swell our numbers of experienced players as well as new players.

A friendly Monday night roll-up



The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, **please come along to our open day on 19th April (from 2 pm) or alternatively, on any Monday evening (from 6 pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.**

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1st Bar Hill Scouts

Things have changed at the Scouts in the last few months.

We have a new Group Scout Leader, new Scout Leaders and new Cub Leaders.

We are in the process of raising money to **revamp the Scout hut**. Ideas for fundraising are an Easter Egg Hunt which will be run after the publication of this newsletter, Car Wash in the Pub Car park and throwing a few of our leaders/exec members out of an aircraft (sponsored parachute jump). We will also be holding a Car Boot sale in the summer.

We are currently in need of new committee members and young people.

The Contact Details for the Group are:

Andy Bendon 01954 719873

Mobile 07903599155

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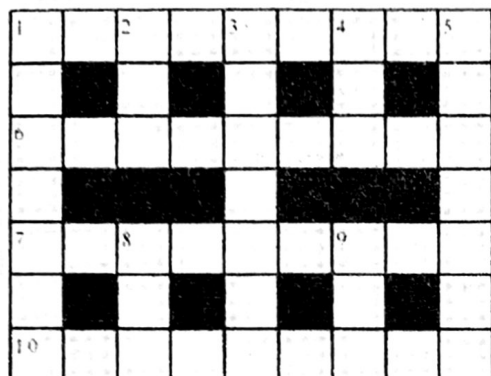
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Solution for March

Across, 1- zucchinis, 6- available, 7- annealing, 10- downy beds,

Down, 1- Zealand, 2- CIA, 3- Hillary, 4- nib, 5- sledges, 8- New, 9- ice.



Clues for April

Across 1- Polynesian island group, 6- Holy----- 28th Dec, 7- Herts new town, 10- villainous,

Down 1- August 11's factory, 2- stand for election, 3- nuclear anagram, 4- source of energy, 5- Seven-- ---- Sussex coastal feature, 8- pixie, 9- fuss,

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for April 2008



Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Taize Service
Sunday 13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Creative Prayer
Wednesday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	All-Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass at 6.00 pm every Saturday

People to contact:

The Minister: Rev Ruth Adams Tel: 789369
Church Centre Manager: Helen Cook Tel/Fax 206120
(Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.30-12.30)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs Hills Road, Cambridge (The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest: Mgr Tony Rogers Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons: Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton
Local contact: Bunty Waters Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

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Tuesday 8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays
Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.



APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR—I HAVE HAD TO LEAVE OUT SOME OF THE "REGULARS" BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF SPACE—SO MANY LETTERS THIS MONTH—KEEP THEM COMING!



Happy Hours The Recycled Youth Club

By the time that you receive this month's Bar Hill News, the Easter holidays will be over and we shall be looking forward to the summer months and lighter nights. To those Senior Citizens living on the village let me tell you this: if you are over 55 years of age why not come along and join our Club? We have nearly 80 members, including 6 who have joined this year, but we still have room for a few more. We meet at the Octagon each Monday,

from 11 am to 3 pm when we engage in many activities or games, or just have a talk amongst ourselves. A good lunch is provided by our lady committee members, at a most reasonable cost. For more information just call in on any Monday, or give me a call on the 'phone, 780948.

Raffle Out next raffle will be held on Monday, 7 April, when the proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Charity. We have recently received letters thanking us for donations to both the Magpas Emergency Response people, and the Wood Green Animal Centre.

Outings Our next outing is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 April, when we shall be travelling to Spalding, hopefully to see the spring flowers in full bloom. The following one will be to Nottinghamshire for a boat trip, including lunch, on the river Trent.

Holidays On Monday 28 April we shall be setting off to Torquay where we shall be staying at the Bancourt Hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the seafront. There is a nice indoor swimming pool for those who want a swim before breakfast. Several trips have been arranged including one to Totnes for market day, and another including a boat trip from Torquay to Dartmouth and return.

New Member During the past month we have welcomed Ted Henderson to the Club. He is well known to many of our members, and will no doubt enjoy the Club and its various activities.

Obituary I am sorry to report that Joan Platt passed away quite suddenly on Saturday 16 February. She had been a member of the Club for many years. In more recent years when she was unable to attend, she always sent a donation to help our funds. Her funeral was held on Thursday 28 February when many of our members, together with members of the Knit and Natter Club, attended to pay their last respects.

Sickness Eileen Oakman is still very ill and has now been admitted to the Arthur Rank Hospice. Our thoughts are with her.

Dennis Holt

780948



THE GREENHOUSE

Over £200 was raised for the project to help replace the old scout hut, and provide additional village facilities, when a large group of willing volunteers traipsed off on a sponsored walk around Bar Hill ring road. Thanks to the Cambridge Building Society, together with Claire Backshall, who organised the whole thing, in support of our village. A special mention to the Under 12 Girls from Bar Hill Colts, who proudly made up most of the group. And a very

special well done to Anna Bennett (aged 8), and also the not quite so young Ken Collins who both completed the walk. More pictures can be seen at Cambridge Building Society offices in Bar Hill. If anyone would like to contribute either financially, or with a desire to join the working party for this exciting new venture, they can contact any of the committee.

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